

Board Policy Suspension or Expulsion

Students may be suspended or recommended for expulsion when the Superintendent, Principal, or Principal's designee at the school in which the student is enrolled determines that the student has done any of the acts listed below:

- Caused, attempted to cause, or threatened to cause physical injury to another person.
- Willfully used force or violence upon the person of another, except in self defense.
- Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.
- Unlawfully possessed, used, sold, or otherwise furnished, or been under the influence of, a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind.
- Unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell a controlled substance, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, and either sold, delivered, or otherwise furnished to a person another liquid, substance, or material and represented the liquid, substance, or material as a controlled substance, alcoholic beverage, or intoxicant.
- Committed or attempted to commit robbery or extortion.
- Caused or attempted to cause damage to school or private property.
- Stole or attempted to steal school or private property.
- Possessed or used tobacco, or products containing tobacco or nicotine products, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, miniature cigars, clove cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chew packets, and betel.
- Committed an obscene act or engaged in habitual profanity or vulgarity.
- Unlawfully possessed or unlawfully offered, arranged, or negotiated to sell drug paraphernalia.
- Disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the authority of teachers, administrators, etc.
- Knowingly received stolen school or private property.
- Possessed an imitation firearm.
- Committed or attempted to commit a sexual assault.
- Harassed, threatened, or intimidated a student.
- Unlawfully offered, arranged to sell, negotiated to sell, or sold the prescription drug Soma.
- Engaged in or attempted to engage in hazing.
- Engaged in an act of bullying, including, but not limited to, bullying committed by means of an electronic act.

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LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT



DRESS CODE

Dear Parents:

The Lowell Joint School District is fortunate to have parents and a community that is supportive of maintaining a positive and safe learning environment for students. The Board of Trustees is committed to providing positive learning opportunities and an excellent academic foundation. A dress code describing appropriate dress for students is one step in this process. For our students' safety and to send a positive message to everyone that the schools in the Lowell Joint School District are outstanding schools, we are restricting student dress as indicated in this brochure.

We strongly urge parents to restrict their students' dress to appropriate and acceptable items and to be aware of what will be prohibited when purchasing new school clothes and footwear.

LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT—Dress Code

All students are required to dress appropriately for school. Daily clothing and attire should be conducive to an educational environment and must not be disruptive to the school operation and educational process.

Dress or grooming is prohibited if it:

1. Affects the safety of that student or others,
2. Is disruptive and distractive to the learning process, and
3. Is immodest as determined by school administration.

Attire Prohibited at Schools Includes:

Shirts and Jackets

Any shirt, tee shirt, or jacket which is determined to be gang related or which has crude or vulgar language, inappropriate drawings, or tobacco or alcoholic beverages. Any shirt or jacket which is dramatically oversized and inappropriate for the wearer. Clothing which does not cover the front and back of the student. Bare midriiffs, low-cut shirts, spaghetti straps, ill-fitting tank tops and halter tops are unacceptable. Undergarments should never be visible. Clothing should be modest and must not detract from the educational environment. Any shirt or jacket with any lettering or symbols found to be offensive to a reasonable person, gang related, or in poor taste is prohibited.

In grades 4-6 shirts are to be tucked in trousers as specified by the school principal. In grades 7-8, no plain white tee shirts are to be worn unless worn under another shirt.

Attire Prohibited at Schools Includes:

Pants/Shorts

All pants and shorts that are too tight, too short, or are oversized are inappropriate for the wearer. Pants with holes are not allowed. Knee-length, long, and/or oversized type shorts which are worn with knee-high socks are unacceptable. Pants that do not fit at the waist and inseams with excessively lowered crotch areas are not allowed. Leggings without pants or shorts over them are not allowed.

Footwear

Footwear must be appropriate for all school activities, including physical education and recess. Sandals and open-toed shoes that do not have a back strap are not suitable for physical education.

Hair and Jewelry

Any distractive hairstyle including dying of unnatural colors, shaving, and letters formed by shaving portions of the head are unacceptable. The principal will determine which hairstyles are unacceptable and can potentially cause a distraction to the learning environment. Any items of jewelry which include leather straps, metal studs, and metal spikes in its construction. No facial piercing or writing on the skin is allowed. Earrings must be appropriate. Ear “plugs” and “tapers/stretchers” are not allowed at school.

Attire Prohibited at Schools Includes:

Accessories

Suspenders which are referred to as “braces” by the wearer and which are continually worn hanging slack from the waist are not allowed. All suspenders and/or shoulder straps designed to hold up pants or the front of pants which are not worn over the shoulders and fastened appropriately. “Biker” wallets, or any wallets suspended by a chain from the waist of the wearer. Any promotion buttons or bracelets which refer to racial pride, White supremacy, or deemed inappropriate by a reasonable person.

All hats and other head wear unless specifically designated for religious purposes, specific medical reasons, or sun protection. Hats worn for sun protection should meet the criteria of the District Policy. The hats are to be crushable type with a brim not to exceed two inches which encircles the hat. The hats or caps are to be a solid color unadorned with no attachments.

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Your cooperation in protecting the safety of our students and preventing the spread of gang activities to our schools and community is appreciated by the Board of Trustees, the administration, and the teachers and staff members of the District.

Parents and students should review the school rules and dress code which are distributed by each school at the beginning of each school year. For more specific dress code provisions, parents, and students are encouraged to contact their local school principal. Those rules will be enforced by school officials and the Board of Trustees. Persistent violation of the rules can lead to suspension and/or expulsion.